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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL EXCOMM MEETING SEPT 10

1. DURING DISCUSSION FAO PROPOSAL FOR JOINT FAO/IWC COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY, MOST COUNTRIES SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION STILL PREMATURE. USSR DELEGATE, HOWEVER, STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT HIS COUNTRY WILL OBJECT TO CREATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE, SINCE WTC DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF SUCH A COMMITTEE, AND SINCE THEY, USSR, FEEL THAT EXISTING FORM OF COOPRATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FAO AND IWC SECRETARIATS IS ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE. JAPAN INDICATED TENTATIVE VIEW THAT JOINT COMMITTEE MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE SINCE (A) FAO AND IWC MEMBERSHIP IS MUCH THE SAME AND (B) IF OBJECTIVE IS TO "BRING IN" CERTAIN COUNTRIES NOT MEMBER OF ONE OR THE OTHER," THERE ARE PROBABLY BETTER WAYS TO DO IT."

2. MAIN PORTION OF SESSION CONCERNED REVIEW OF STUDY DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY LAST COUNCIL MEETING. SECRETARIAT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO FOLLOW UP ON SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER DEVELOP-

MENT AND/OR MODIFICATION OF BOTH PAPERS, HOPEFULLY IN
TIME FOR NEXT EXCOMM MEETING OCT 10.

3. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NOTED IN MEETING THAT ALTHOUGH
FORTHCOMING WFC APPARENTLY WILL DISCUSS NEED FOR MARKET
STABILIZATION, INCLUDING FOR WHEAT, THE IWC ITSELF HAS
NOT BEEN INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE.
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